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SUBJECT: AIR FRANCE OFFICE IN EAST BERLIN

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1. AT MAY 5 MEETING OF ALLIED CIVIL AIR ATTACHES
(CAA'S), FRENCH CAA GAUSSOT MADE STATEMENT ON OPENING
OF AIR FRANCE OFFICE IN EAST BERLIN. HE SAID QUAI DID
NOT REGARD THE OPENING, FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSES AIR
FRANCE HAD IN MIND, AS AN IMPORTANT MATTER. THE GOF
IS ABSOLUTELY DETERMINED THAT AIR FRANCE WILL NOT
REPEAT NOT BE PERMITTED TO FLY FROM SCHOENEFELD TO
FRANCE, DIRECTLY OR THROUGH INTER-LINING ARRANGEMENTS
WITH INTERFLUG. GAUSSOT REJECTED THE IDEA THAT
APPROVAL OF THE OFFICE AS NOW PROJECTED WOULD BE AN
UNDESIRABLE FIRST STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. HE SAID
THAT FRENCH EMBASSY IN BONN HAD MADE VERY STRONG PITCH
TO QUAI THAT THE OFFICE NOT BE PERMITTED TO GO BEYOND
PRESENTLY PROJECTED FUNCTIONS AND THAT QUAI HAD GIVEN
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CATEGORICAL ASSURANCES THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER
CONCESSIONS AND THAT THIS HAD BEEN MADE KNOWN TO AIR
FRANCE. GAUSSOT HAD NO REPLY TO POINT PARA 1A REF A
THAT PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT IN BERLIN WOULD BE BAD EVEN
IF OFFICE REMAINED A VERY LIMITED ONE.

2. UK CAA HANLEY SAID IN SUPPORT OF GAUSSOT THAT

HMG HAD NOT LIKED ESTABLISHING OF A BA OFFICE IN EAST BERLIN BUT HAD FELT THAT THERE WERE NOT SUFFICIENT GROUNDS TO JUSTIFY NOT ALLOWING BA TO GO AHEAD.

3. GAUSSOT'S STATEMENT WAS RESULT OF DEMARCHE'S MADE BY US IN WASHINGTON AND PARIS AND APPARENTLY WAS TO SATISFY POINT PARA 1 D THAT ALLIES DISCUSS MATTER BEFORE AIR FRANCE IS GIVEN PERMISSION TO OPEN ITS OFFICE. HE IMPLIED, BUT DID NOT STATE DIRECTLY THAT GOF WOULD NOW PROCEED TO GRANT PERMISSION.

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